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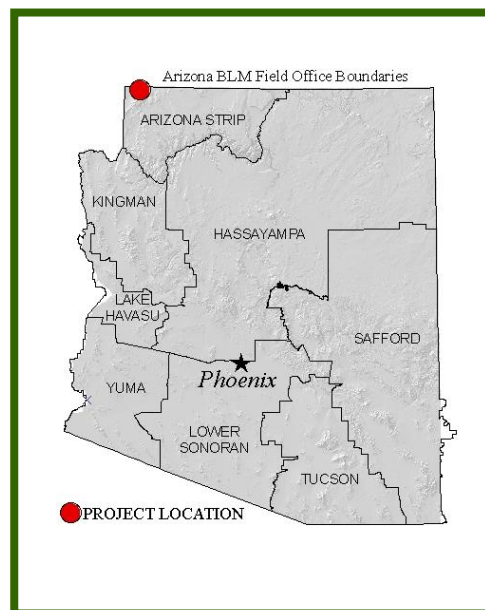
Virgin River Canyon Campground Solar Power Installation

Need

The Virgin River Canyon Recreation Area, located in northwestern Arizona along Interstate 15, is managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Arizona Strip Field Office. The Virgin River Canyon Campground Solar Power Installation project will provide the 75-site developed campground and day use area with a 12,000-kilowatt solar power system. The system will be designed using net-zero energy principles and will connect to the existing utility grid through the electrical service meter.

Recovery Act Funding

Information about the funding allocated for this BLM Arizona American Recovery and Reinvestment Act ([ARRA](#)) project will be released after the contract has been awarded. Construction is estimated to begin [by](#) March, 2010 and end [in](#) August, 2010.



Benefits

The [new](#) system will provide an estimated 20% of the electricity used in the campground operations. The project will visibly demonstrate the use of a renewable energy source at a popular federal recreation site.



More Information

The campground and comfort stations will remain open throughout installation of the solar panels. There will be minimal electrical service interruption. Access may temporarily be restricted by an unrelated campground improvement project scheduled to occur simultaneously.

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